

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Original)** An artificial CpG-containing single-stranded oligodeoxynucleotide, which is consisted of single-stranded oligonucleotide DNA molecule containing one or more CpG(s).

2. **(Original)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 1, which has a sequence as defined by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4 or SEQ ID NO: 5.

3. **(Currently amended)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, which has a function of inducing the production of antiviral substances from cell.

4. **(Original)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 3, wherein said virus is a single-stranded positive strand RNA virus or influenza virus.

5. **(Original)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 4, wherein said single-stranded positive strand RNA virus is a variant of coronavirus or flaviviridae virus.

6. **(Original)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 5, wherein said variant of coronavirus is SARS virus.

7. **(Original)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 5, wherein said flaviviridae virus is hepatitis C virus, dengue virus or Japanese encephalitis virus.

8. **(Currently amended)** The oligonucleotide according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, which has a non-sulfurized, partially sulfurized or completely sulfurized phosphodiester bond.

9. **(Currently amended)** A composition comprising the oligonucleotide according to Claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-8~~.

10. **(Original)** The composition according to claim 9, further comprising other antiviral drugs or vaccines.

11.-16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(New)** A method for inducing the production of antiviral substances from cell comprising treating said cell with the oligonucleotide of Claim 1.

18. **(New)** A method for preventing or treating diseases caused by a virus, comprising treating a cell with the oligonucleotide of Claim 1.

19. **(New)** The method of Claim 18, wherein said virus is single-stranded positive strand RNA virus or influenza virus.

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20. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein said single-stranded positive strand RNA virus is a variant of coronavirus or flaviviridae virus.

21. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein said variant of coronavirus is SARS virus.

22. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein said flaviviridae virus is hepatitis C virus, dengue virus or Japanese encephalitis virus.